

MRS. BONINE IN TEARS.

Weeps as Prosecutor Presents Case.

COMFORTED BY HER HUSBAND.

Seathing Arraignment by Attorney Taggart.

DELIBERATE MURDER IS CHARGED

Counsel Describes Relations Between Ayres and the Accused. Examination of Witnesses in Hotel Tragedy Begins.

"This was a cold-blooded, deliberate killing; it was a felonious murder, and we shall prove it to be such. James Seymour Ayres arose from his bed, hearing a noise. As he approached the window a leaden bullet struck him. He dashed forward to secure the hidden assailant, and another bullet pierced his breast. He sank to the floor, weltering in his own blood. We propose to prove that this woman's story is, from start to finish, a mass of untruths."

Case of the Prosecution.

Such was the arraignment of Mrs. Lola Ida Henry Bonine by Assistant District Attorney H. T. Taggart in his opening argument to the jury in Criminal Court No. 1 this morning. Before the Assistant District Attorney sat the men who are to weigh the evidence in the case, and they listened attentively to the speaker. The picture drawn was one in which horror occupied foreground and perspective. A silence prevailed throughout the presentation of the case of the prosecution.

The Prisoner Grows Nervous.

Trembling and fearful, the prisoner sat beside her husband, and listened to her fearful arraignment. She had entered the court room smiling and confident, but as the prosecutor proceeded to describe in his own gruesome way the tragedy that was enacted at the Kenmore Hotel on the morning of May 15, the little woman became pale, her eyes welled with tears, and she nervously clenched her handkerchief and pulled at the fingers of her gloves. Her lips worked incessantly, and her whole demeanor depicted abject misery.

Comforted by Her Husband.

Her husband, noticing the change that had come over her, frequently leaned over and whispered words of comfort. Once the accused called to him in a half-whisper:

"Joe! Joe!"

He turned, to find terror in his wife's eyes, but he succeeded in dispelling this during a reassuring conversation.

Mrs. Mencham, the sister of Mrs. Bonine, sat in the background and remained silent, though her features showed that she was also laboring under a great strain.

The Court Room Packed.

Every seat was occupied, and chairs were massed in the aisles. Nearly one-half of the spectators were women, and the vivid details were eagerly absorbed. Justice Anderson, well groomed and placid, made room at his side for Judge Kimball, of the Police Court, who sat through the day's proceedings, by which he was deeply impressed.

Beside the jury box stood a large stand, bearing an enormous plat, showing the fourth floor of the Kenmore Hotel, and the location of the articles of furniture in the room occupied by Ayres.

The jury was escorted into the court by two deputies and assumed the places assigned to them yesterday. They were refreshed by a good night's sleep, and ready for long and tedious duties ahead of them.

During the argument made by Mr. Taggart, Charles Douglas, Mrs. Bonine's chief counsel, sat upright and attentive, and weighed every word. The defense reserved the presentation of its side of the case, and the examination of witnesses began.

Presentation of the Case.

Immediately after the opening of court, at 10:45 o'clock, H. T. Taggart, Assistant District Attorney, began the opening address for the prosecution. He apologized to the jury for a bad cold which prevented him from articulating distinctly, and standing on the foot board of the jury box, spoke into the faces of the twelve men.

"I tell you, gentlemen," he said, "standing erect with hands clasped behind his back, 'you are here to determine whether or not the defendant took the life of James Seymour Ayres; whether or not the murder was in cold blood; whether or not the killing was justifiable whether or not it was done in self-defense."

Punishment by Hanging.

"It is felonious assault alone that the law punishes. If the killing was done with malice aforethought, then the punishment must be by hanging."

"Society must be protected, and the blood of a murdered man demands that the party who took the life must make reparation."

Mr. Taggart proceeded to define the difference between murder and manslaughter, citing cases and instances to illustrate his meaning.

"The defendant in this case is charged with the felonious killing of James Seymour Ayres," he said. "The Government expects to prove these facts."

Story of the Tragedy.

"The deceased came to this city and took up occupation as a clerk in the Census Office. He secured room 29 in the Kenmore Hotel. On the morning of May 15 last he was found drenched in his own

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blood. This young man had attended the Dental School at Columbia University. At the Kenmore he became acquainted with the accused, Mrs. Bonine.

Managed the Dances.

"The latter attended to the management of the weekly dances and card parties in the hotel. The wife of a traveling salesman, her time was not much occupied by domestic cares, and she undertook to teach Ayres how to dance. In this she succeeded."

"She took further interest in the young man, and the ties grew stronger between the two. They were together so often and their relations became so exceedingly friendly that she went to his room frequently during his absence. She also visited his room while he was in it, and we propose to prove that she visited him in his room at night when the door was closed and observation cut off from the exterior."

During this arraignment Mrs. Bonine sat with her eyes riveted upon her accuser. She bit her upper lip, and seemed perturbed by the allegations of the Assistant District Attorney.

"Saw Ayres Drifting Away."

"Mrs. Bonine saw that Ayres was drifting from her," he continued. "She endeavored to draw him back, but he began to go out on spruces and to get tipsy."

"At last the two became reconciled. They again danced together—this was on the night preceding the murder. But Ayres did not wish to carry the friendship further. He refused to have the old cordial relations re-established."

Shunned Mrs. Bonine.

"We propose to prove that he shunned her and refused to recognize her, and that she was deeply hurt by this. She tried to remove the feeling, but to no avail."

"This was the state of affairs on the morning when the body was found in his room. On that morning the door was forced open and the dead body was found on the floor, the face covered with blood, his undershirt, arms, breast, and legs also bloody. An examination of the wounds showed that he had not inflicted these wounds himself."

Seen on the Fire Escape.

"It was discovered," continued Mr. Taggart, "that a small woman had been seen coming down the fire-escape. The size of the woman suggested Mrs. Bonine. She was questioned, but denied everything. She was the most cool and collected woman in the hotel. She was summoned as a witness at the inquest. Her demeanor could not last always, and she said to a witness one day:

"If it were not for my children, I would take the whole responsibility upon myself."

Tears Sprung From Prisoner's Eyes.

As this statement was made great tears came to the woman's eyes and dropped heavily upon the black veil which covered her face. She was deeply affected.

"She was overheard later," resumed Mr. Taggart, "by one of our witnesses, when she said:

"I can't wash it out. Shall I destroy it?"

"She came down that fire-escape leaving the dead body lying on the floor. Her

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efforts were addressed skillfully and intelligently toward shielding herself. She showed no emotion.

"Ayres left his room to see a friend that fatal night. He turned the gas down low. He was perfectly sober. He went to a saloon with a friend, but drank but two small glasses of beer. His friends left him at the door of his room."

"Now comes the confession made by Mrs. Bonine to Detective Horn. She admitted going into Ayres' room. Her story was only intended to exonerate herself from wrongdoing. She stated that a rap sounded on the door of her own room that night. She opened the door, and Ayres stood there. He said that he was about to have a chill, and asked to be admitted. She told him no, as her children were in the next room."

"He fondled her, but she drew away, she says, whereupon he said, 'If you will promise to be nice to me, I will not go away.' He went to his room. She dressed herself carefully. She went to his room and put her hand on the knob of the door."

In the Ayres Room.

"He opened the door and as she entered closed and snapped the door. He had a pistol in his hand, she says, and, backing her up against the wall, he said: 'Now, you will listen to me, I guess.'"

"She struggled, the pistol exploded, she tripped over her skirt, fell, and he fell on top of her. There was a scuffle and on the wounds were inflicted. She arose and cried for help, so she says. She went to the window, rested her hand on the sill and took a last parting look at the corpse before leaving."

An intense silence reigned over the court room as the story was related. Mrs. Bonine raised her veil and wiped away a few tears with a tiny handkerchief.

"Prisoner's Veracity Attacked."

"I think we can prove," the Assistant District Attorney continued, "that the wounds were inflicted by the accused, with a pistol in her own hands. Ayres never went to her room that night, nor did any conversation take place. It will be for you to determine whether this young man had not retired and was not murdered in cold blood. We will establish many facts for you."

How Ayres Met His Death.

"Ayres met his death in this manner. Lying in his bed, he was aroused from his sleep by a noise at his window. He arose and as he approached the window a bullet struck him. He was dazed, but rushed for the hidden foe. Another bullet struck him in the breast. So close was he that the undershirt was burned. His arms flew up, and he fell back, with blood spurting from his wounds. Hemorrhage followed, and he died without a groan."

"If we show you the body of this young man bearing the wounds and prove our statements, then all you have got to do is to return a verdict of murder."

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BODY OF AYRES IN PAPIER MACHE

MODEL OF CORPSE TO BE SHOWN

Mrs. Bonine and Jury Must Witness a Struggle With the Wounded Manikin in the Court Chamber.

One of the first ordeals through which the jury in the case of Mrs. Bonine and the prisoner must pass has been prepared by the Government, and may be sprung today, or at the latest, tomorrow morning.

This is perhaps the most gruesome exhibit ever prepared by the prosecution in a case where a reformed woman appeared as the defendant. It is an exact reproduction in papier-mache of the body of James Seymour Ayres, the murdered man, as it was found in his room at the Kenmore Hotel. The fictitious body, with bullet holes gaping through the painted sides, so tinted as to resemble human flesh, will be given a prominent position in the court room. It will be placed on a bier, covered with a white sheet, and will be in full view of the jury, will be at all times directly in front of the frail little woman charged with the murder of Ayres.

Best Talent Employed.

The most skilled talent in the employ of the Government departments, the highest salaried artificer, and the genius that could be culled from the laboratories of a great nation were utilized to produce this thing to be used to convict a woman of a crime involving her life.

The measurements and proportions of the body, or mannikin, were taken from the dead body of young Ayres. The head is perfectly formed. Every mark, stain, bruise, and peculiarity found upon the original is reproduced and to all appearances it is a real corpse. It is a sickening exhibit. Three great bullet holes gape from the body and limbs. The clothed body which drained out of the wounds, brings the tragedy back in all its horrors.

The limbs of the body are wired, like those of a skeleton, so that it can be made to act and assume any position possible in a human being. The figure is regarded a splendid masterpiece.

Profound Secrecy Observed.

The authorities, for various reasons, refuse to state in which of the Government departments the mannikin was made. All that has been learned about it is that it has been in storage at the Emergency Hospital for several months, and was brought to the City Hall late yesterday afternoon.

The ghastly thing now lies on a stretcher in the office of District Attorney Gould, and Mrs. Bonine is to sit and witness a court employ struggle with a duplicate of the man whose death she is charged to have caused.

Revolver in hand, the United assistant will wrestle with the writhing figure, and will attempt to demonstrate how the fatal shots were fired.

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McMICHAEL GETS BIG POSTOFFICE

"Quaker City" Appointment Goes to Him.

FORMER RESIDENT OF DISTRICT.

Governor-Elect Cummins, of Iowa, an Early White House Caller. New York Financiers Confer With Mr. Roosevelt.

A former Washingtonian, Clayton McMichael, has been appointed postmaster of Philadelphia. He was United States Marshal for the District of Columbia from 1882 to 1885. By his appointment, which will take effect about January 1, is brought to a close a long fight made on Postmaster Hicks. McMichael was endorsed by Senators Quay and Penrose and Representative Bingham, who settled the matter at a conference with the President yesterday.

Colonel McMichael is a native of Philadelphia, a lifelong Republican, a soldier with an excellent civil and Indian war record, and was at one time an editor of the "Philadelphia North-American."

His administration of the position of United States marshal of the District of Columbia stands as one of the best in the history of that office when it was purged from political intrigue.

Duke de Azees, the Spanish Minister, who, since the war, has done much to restore good feeling between this country and his own, was received by the President this morning in the Blue Parlor at the White House. It was to say good-by to the Spanish Minister called. He is going abroad for a few months. The meeting was purely informal.

Governor-Elect Cummins.

Albert B. Cummins, Governor-elect of Iowa, arrived in Washington this morning. Mr. Cummins' recent election attracted national attention, and resulted in a complete transformation in the control of the Republican party in the Hawkeye State. Mr. Cummins was elected on railroad issues, the faction which he represented making a fight for equitable assessment of all railroad property.

Formerly the great trunk lines across the State were of vast influence in Iowa politics. Mr. Cummins' victory was the defeat of the old Republican machine. He is considered the logical successor to Senator Allison, six years hence. The recent report that Allison is to enter the Cabinet and that Mr. Cummins would be elected United States Senator was without foundation.

Senator Allison will arrive in Washington either tonight or tomorrow.

Petition of New Yorkers.

Several members of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange, of New York, who are anxious to have the war revenue tax on the sale of shares of stock removed, called on the President this morning. They presented a number of objections to the tax, alleging that it was of a cumulative nature, because a different tax would necessarily be paid on the stock every time it was transferred. Secondly, they complain that the tax is sectional in character because brokers in New York, the great commercial center, would pay a large proportion of the total tax collected.

A test case involving this point was brought by George C. Thomas, of New York, last year in one of the United States courts of that State, but no decision was ever rendered. The delegation which waited upon the President today consisted of Frank D. Faver, George C. Thomas, R. M. Jarvis, and Mortimer Wagner.

After a Cadetship.

Senator Burrows today asked the President to appoint Julian Wilcox, son of Gen. Orlando D. Wilcox, to a cadetship in the United States Naval Academy.

The President Gives a Check.

J. T. Doyle and J. W. Holcombe, of the National Junior Republic, at Annapolis Junction, Md., called on the President this morning in the interest of that organization. They desired Mr. Roosevelt to attend a mass meeting for the benefit of that institution at the New National Theatre on Sunday.

The President will be unable to do this, but has sent a check for the support of the Republic, with the work of which he is heartily in sympathy.

White House Callers.

Other callers at the White House today were: Senator Platt of Connecticut, Senator McCumber of North Dakota, Senator Burton of Kansas, Thomas H. Shepley, National Committeeman from Minnesota; Representative Sulloway, of New Hampshire, Representative Long of Kansas, Colonel Sanders, Assistant Secretary of War, General Draper, ex-Minister to Italy, and his brother George A. Draper, of Hopedale, Mass.

Porto Rico's Governor Calls.

Governor Hunt, of Porto Rico, called on President Roosevelt this morning and had a talk about affairs in the island. The Governor said that in a general way the conditions in Porto Rico are highly satisfactory and that the inhabitants are prosperous and happy. He believes the coffee planters ought to be encouraged. With a small protective duty on coffee, he believes, they would be able to compete in the United States with the Brazilian product. He would suggest 5 cents a pound as a fair rate of duty to be imposed on coffee imported into the United States. Governor Hunt will meet the President at a later time to discuss Porto Rican affairs more fully.

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ARCHBISHOPS IN SESSION.

Church Questions and Benevolent Societies Discussed.

The archbishops of the United States met in annual session this morning in the Senate Room at MacMahon Hall. The meeting was presided over by Cardinal Gibbons. The questions that came up for discussion pertained to the welfare of the Catholic Church in the United States and its possessions, and the organization of Catholic societies, including such orders as the Knights of Columbus.

These questions were considered in executive session. At 12:30 o'clock the archbishops took a recess to resume the executive session at 3 o'clock.

Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, was secretary of the meeting. The others present were Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia; Archbishop Corrigan, of New York; Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis; Archbishop Williams, of Boston; Archbishop Katzer, of Milwaukee, and Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul.

Those absent were Archbishop Feehan, of Chicago; Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco, and Archbishop Bourgaie, of Santa Fe, N. M.

QUIET FOLLOWS LIBERAL VICTORY.

INSURGENTS ARE IN FULL CONTROL

Commander McCrea Declares That He Will Fight if Necessary to Protect American Interests.

COLON, Colombia, Nov. 21.—The fall of Colon after an attack on the defending Government forces by the Liberals has not been followed by disorder. Affairs in the town are extremely quiet, all the business houses having been closed after the Liberal victory.

To Appoint New Officials.

The statement is made that officials under the new regime are to be appointed today and the announcement of their names is awaited with keen interest.

The Liberals are now in control of all the railway stations between this city and Las Cascadas. Transit continues without interruption.

The Colombian gunboat General Plonzo is not here at present, but there is a report that it is likely to arrive at any time and, if its troops become aggressive, serious trouble is likely to result.

Commander McCrea's Position.

Only one war vessel is now in port, the United States gunboat Machias. An increased number of American marines have been sent ashore and Commander McCrea states that, while he has no present intention of interfering with the situation, he will fight if it becomes necessary to do so in order to protect American property and rights.

As a norther is threatening, all the shipping has left the port, fearing destruction from the storm if they remained.

The Navy Department has received the following despatch from Captain Perry, commanding the battleship Iowa:

"Secretary Navy, Washington, Nov. 21. 'Everything quiet. No further interference since notification. Transit and telegraph communication open. Colon in possession of Liberals and quiet.'"

In a telegram received at the State Department this afternoon, Consul General Guenger, stationed at Panama, says that everything on the Isthmus is quiet; that telegraphic communication has been re-established, and that trains are running regularly.

GOVERNOR TYLER WILL ACT.

Virginia's Chief Executive to Investigate Oyster Dredge Outrages.

Governor Tyler, of Virginia, has ordered dredges upon the captains of oyster dredges who may be operating within the waters of that State. He has instructed the State officers along the water front to exert every effort to bring to justice those who are responsible for the condition of Edward Herzog, who is now at the Emergency Hospital, and all similar cases that come to their attention.

Major Sylvester this morning received a letter from Virginia's Governor. The message was in response to a letter in which Major Sylvester forwarded to Governor Tyler all the information in the possession of the Washington authorities concerning the abuse to which Herzog was subjected.

At the time Herzog's life was despoiled of, but he has since taken a turn for the better and is slowly convalescing. A similar letter was sent to the Governor of Maryland reciting the circumstances of the case and urging decisive action. To this message no reply has yet been received.

RING EDWARD DISPLEASED.

Efforts to Stop Bacter in Seats for the Coronation.

MANCHESTER, Nov. 21.—The London correspondent of the "Guardian" writes that King Edward has expressed his desire that the coronation at his coronation should be composed exclusively of British citizens.